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Pennsylvania Tart Cherry Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 20, 2008 - - - Pennsylvania's 2008 tart cherry production is forecast at 3.0 million pounds, 14 percent below last year's production of 3.5 million pounds and down 42 percent from 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

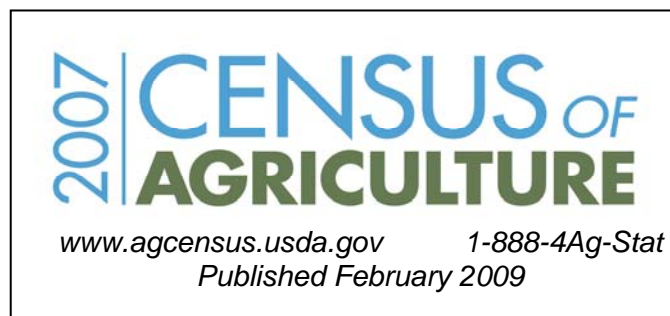
Freezing temperatures in the spring reduced the potential for a large crop.

Pennsylvania is no longer included in the sweet cherry estimating program.

U.S. tart production for 2008 is forecast at 177 million pounds, 30 percent below 2007 production and 33 percent above production in 2006.

Michigan, the largest producing state, expects a crop of 135 million pounds, a decrease of 30 percent from the 2007 crop and 29 percent below production in 2006.

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